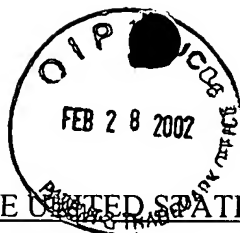


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Please insert the following paragraph after the Title of the present invention.

(New) This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/256,406 filed December 18, 2000, entitled FLUID COUPLING VALVE ASSEMBLY and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/305,096 filed July 13, 2001, entitled FLUID COUPLING VALVE ASSEMBLY, both of which are, in their entirety, incorporated herewith by reference.



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